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Friday & Saturday
July 8th & 9th



Follow us for updates, info & photos of the weekend #AFFF2016

FRIDAY, JULY 8TH

TIME

Community Booths.....	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Magic Bounce Fun Zone \$\$	5:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Lions' Beer Garden \$\$.....	5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Food Vendors \$\$.....	5:00 pm - Midnight
National Karate Demo	5:15 pm - 6:00 pm
Bingo \$\$.....	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
The Big Fun Show: Magic & Juggling (under dining tent)	6:00 pm - 6:40 pm
Street Dance "Rockin' Hollywoods"	8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

TIME

Fun Run Registration	7:00 am - 7:45 am
5K Fun Run/Walk \$\$ (Certified Course 3.1 miles)	8:00 am
Kids' Fun Run 0.5 mile	9:00 am
NEW! Volleyball Tournament Registration.....	9:30 am
Volleyball Tournament Starts	10:00 am
Craft & Gift Show (indoors, YMCA Comm. Center)	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Baby Crawling Contest (City Hall Garages, pre-registration required)	10:00 am
Community Booths.....	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Fundraising Booths \$\$ (Andover Elementary grounds)	10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Magic Bounce Fun Zone \$\$ (Andover Elementary grounds)	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
NEW! Kids' Train Rides \$\$ (Crosstown Blvd.)	10:00 am - 10:00 pm
Food Vendors \$\$.....	10:00 am - Midnight
Parade (route follows Crosstown Blvd. from Andover HS to Tower Dr)	11:00 am
Emergency Vehicle Display (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	11:30 am - 1:00 pm
NEW! Empowered Percussion (YMCA Comm. Center grounds)	11:30 am - 5:30 pm
Lions' Beer Garden \$\$.....	12:00 pm - Midnight
NEW! St. Paul Mounted Police (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Connexus Energy (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
World Tae Kwondo Academy Demo (Main Stage)	12:15 pm - 1:00 pm
Zoomobile (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Kidzart (under dining tent)	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Wonderful World of Woody (under dining tent).....	1:00 pm - 1:45 pm
Donkey Pulled Mini-Covered Wagon Rides (YMCA Comm. Center grounds).....	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Silent Auction \$\$	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Classic Car Show (No Pre-reg. required, Crosstown/Hanson Blvd.)	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Balloon Art (under dining tent)	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Bingo \$\$.....	2:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Brian Richards' Magic Show (under dining tent)	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
National Karate Demo (Main Stage)	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Todd Anderson as Elvis (under the Tent)	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Wellness Van (near water tower).....	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Premier Karate Demo (Main Stage).....	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Betty Rydell and Randi Rae (under the Dining Tent)	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Street Dance "The Law"	8:00 pm - 11:30 pm
Fireworks Show (Sunshine Park).....	10:00 pm

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COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORT

Mike Knight

A full Minnesota summer has arrived. As in all metropolitan areas that means it is time for road and highway repairs. In our state the hard winters

create the need for street repair and auto traffic is much affected. Here in Andover and the Anoka area we are seeing cones, barricades, barrels, machinery and trucks on our streets, all involved in that street repair. Please be patient and tolerant as you drive about the City.

Other things are also happening in Andover as spring and summer evolve. We have some new construction in progress. Fifty new homes are already on the building schedule. More will be coming as the summer progresses. Home construction is increasing. The City of Andover is growing.

New commercial construction will also be part of the summer. A new 13,000 sq. ft., two story office building for RE/MAX Results is under construction at 2677 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW. It is on the site of the old Stop-n-Shop gas station on the corner of Crosstown Drive and Bunker Lake Boulevard NW. There is room for more business there so additional development is anticipated.

East of that site on the southwest corner of Bunker Lake Boulevard NW and Hanson Boulevard NW a new building to be known as the Shops @ Andover, also 13,000 sq. ft. will be built. This is the site of the old "On the Run" gas station. It is planned to have a drive through coffee shop and a sit down restaurant new to the Anoka County area along with retail shopping space.

The Andover Animal Hospital will be building a new veterinary building at 1730 - 139th Lane NW. This is an enlargement of a current veterinary business.

The Estates at Arbor Oaks housing development will also be starting construction this summer. This will be 66 independent living units for seniors and is part of the existing Grey Oaks development.

So there is an increase of commercial and senior housing activity. Still other activity is either starting or being planned. Bunker Lake Boulevard NW going east towards Ham Lake is under reconstruction by the County. Hanson Boulevard NW reconstruction is planned for 2019.

Andover is a vibrant, growing City and City activity is increasing. The City Council and the Park & Recreation Commission are updating the Kelsey Round Lake Park Master Plan. The neighborhood residents and the Park & Recreation Commission are taking part in developing a new master plan for that popular park.

We are a growing City with a large percentage of young families. Andover was designated as a good place for young families. With those facts in place, we have decided to upgrade the City Campus to promote the delivery of services and provide easier use by all age groups. These groups range from young children to growing senior numbers. As the numbers increase, there is an increasing need for more parking space.

As a result, the City Campus is undergoing a new Master Plan. The City Campus includes the City government site, the Public Works area, the Recycling Center and the Andover YMCA/Community Center. The Andover high school, middle school and elementary school are all within walking distance. So the City Campus is the core of the City of Andover.

We are in the process of restructuring and updating the various City functions. Improving traffic with City Hall, Public Works and the Recycling Center will all be part of the updated City Campus.

Our partnership with the YMCA in the Community Center has been very good. It has become a model that other cities have adopted. Participation numbers keep increasing. We are trying to improve and update access and parking at that site. Improving the access to the center is a demand we need to meet.

A reminder that the City of Andover Family Fun Fest is scheduled for July 8th & 9th. Plan ahead and enjoy two days of fun and entertainment.

FREE COMMUNITY PIG ROAST BY UNIQUE DINING CATERING!

On Thursday, July 7th from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Courtyards of Andover 13545 Martin St. NW will be hosting a free community wide Pig Roast. Come join us to celebrate our community and tour our grounds and facility. We will be showcasing our Unique Dining Experiences Pig Roast with all the fixings to the first 500 participants for free.



BUNKER LAKE BOULEVARD NW CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Work on a project to widen and reconstruct a 2.3 mile segment of Bunker Lake Blvd. from Crane St. to Jefferson St. will begin in July of this year. Tree removal was completed earlier this year and utility relocation is occurring now in preparation for the project.

The Anoka County Highway Department will reconstruct the existing two-lane roadway into an urban, four-lane divided roadway with a center median and curb, gutter and outside shoulders. Major intersections will be reconstructed and turn lanes added at all public streets. In addition, bus/truck pull-out lanes will be installed at the BNSF railroad crossing, a pedestrian bicycle path will be added to improve safety and provide a connection to regional trails and a box culvert underpass will be

constructed east of Bunker Lake to provide safe access to Bunker Hills Regional Park from the neighborhoods to the north.

Anoka County Highway engineers worked closely with citizens and City officials from Andover and Ham Lake to refine the project design to better meet the needs of motorists and area residents. Design changes include the addition of a sidewalk on the west side of Crane St. to provide access to the trail along Bunker Lake Blvd. and the addition of an eastbound left turn lane at Wintergreen St. to allow safer access to the neighborhood. Prior to the addition of this "left-in" turn lane, traffic entering the neighborhood from eastbound Bunker Lake Blvd. had to make a U-turn at Sycamore St. requiring motorists to cross the railroad tracks twice. Additional design

changes include the addition of a traffic signal at the intersection of Bunker Lake Blvd. and Sycamore St. (pending approval from MnDOT) and extending the project 2,000 feet to include the intersection of Bunker Lake Blvd. and Van Buren St. in the City of Ham Lake.

More information about this project can be found at www.anokacounty.us/highway under Future Projects & Studies. When the project moves into the construction phase, information will be posted at www.anokacounty.us/highway under Construction Projects. There will be some road closures for mucking and for work adjoining the railroad tracks. Subscribe to the Construction Weekly to receive email notifications of project updates.

SOLICITORS

Solicitors, peddlers and transient merchants are required to carry a permit approved by the City. If someone approaches you at your home or if someone is selling on a street corner, you can ask if they have a permit from the City. If they do not, call the non-emergency police number at (763) 427-1212 to report them.

ACCAP CHORES & MORE PROGRAM

One stop shopping for minor home repairs, housekeeping and seasonal chores for people 60 +. We utilize independent contractors and when available volunteer groups. Give a call for more details. New phone number and address, (763) 783-4767, 1201 89th Ave. N.E. Suite 345, Blaine, MN 55434.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FILINGS

Filings for the following offices will open Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. and will close at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2016:

Mayor 1 (Two-year term)
Council Members 2 (Four-year term)

Candidates must be eligible voters and reside in the City of Andover. A \$5.00 filing fee shall be paid at the time of filing. Affidavits of candidacy are to be filed with the Deputy City Clerk at the Andover City Hall, 1685 Crosstown Boulevard NW.

PRIMARY ELECTION

A Primary Election will be held in the City of Andover on Tuesday, August 9, 2016. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for federal, state, county, local and judicial offices.

Precinct #1	Hope Lutheran Church 16180 Round Lake Boulevard NW
Precinct #2	Grace Lutheran Church 13655 Round Lake Boulevard NW
Precinct #3	Riverdale Assembly of God Church 3210 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Precinct #4	Crooked Lake Elementary School 2939 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Precinct #5	Andover Christian Church 16045 Nightingale Street NW

Precinct #6	Prairie Oak Community Church 1657 - 161 st Avenue NW
Precinct #7	Andover Community Center 15200 Hanson Boulevard NW
Precinct #8	Andover Community Center 15200 Hanson Boulevard NW
Precinct #9	Bunker Hills Activity Center 550 Bunker Lake Boulevard NW
Precinct #10	Andover Elementary School 14950 Hanson Boulevard NW

If you are unsure of where you vote, you can access the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.mn.us to find your correct polling place or call City Hall at (763) 755-5100. For more information about elections, go to the City's website or www.anokacounty.us/elections.

If you have not voted in Andover or have moved, you must first register before voting. A valid driver's license with your new address will allow you to register and vote. Please take care of this before Election Day. Minnesota State Law requires you to update your license within 30 days of moving.

Voters who prefer to cast their absentee ballot in person may vote at the city hall of the city in which they reside during regular office hours. In person absentee balloting will also be available at city halls on the Saturday prior to the election from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and until 5:00 p.m. the day before the election.

The absentee balloting period for the August 9th Primary Election, will take place between Friday, June 24th and Monday, August 8th.

Voters who wish to vote absentee by mail can download the absentee ballot application any time at www.anokacounty.us/absenteevoting. Voters also can call (763) 323-5275 to have an absentee ballot application sent to them.



ANDOVER COMMUNITY CENTER

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

OPEN ADULT HOCKEY

Upcoming adult open hockey sessions will be offered a couple times a week during the evening throughout the summer months. Specific dates and times are published on the Andover Community Center's website. Admission is \$5 per skater, goalies skate free. Helmets and gloves are mandatory.

PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a combination of tennis, badminton, ping pong and racquetball. Easy to learn, great exercise and lots of fun for all ages. Indoor pickleball will be offered throughout the summer. Playing times will include weekday, evening and weekend hours. Admission is \$4 or save money by using your ACC punch card. Bring your own paddle or there are wooden paddles to borrow and graphite paddles for rent.



INDOOR WALKING

Indoor summer walking hours are Monday – Friday, 5:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. All walkers must sign in at the YMCA front desk each morning. \$1 day or purchase a walking pass.

OPEN BASKETBALL AND OPEN ICE SKATING/HOCKEY

The open gym/basketball and open skate/hockey at the ACC is open to the public and daily admission fees apply. Specific dates and times can be found on the ACC Activity Calendars.

BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES AVAILABLE



Tired of going to the same old places to celebrate your birthday? Reserve space at the Andover Community Center for your next birthday party! The ACC offers party packages in both the ice arena and field house.

Field house party packages include sports equipment and additional options to choose from are an inflatable Pink/Purple Castle Bounce House and Tot-Time toys. The Ice Skating packages include private rental options or parties during our open skate hours. Party package information can be found on the Andover Community Center's website.

LIBRARY ON THE GO

The following Anoka County library services are available at the Andover YMCA Community Center.

- **Book Vending Machine** that dispenses books and DVDs with a simple scan of your library card.
- **Secure Book Lockers** for picking up requested library materials (requires an email address associated with your library card).
- **E-Reader Kiosk** that lets you browse and checkout the library's collection of ebooks available through the 3M Cloud Library service.

- **Book Returns** both indoors and drive-up (east entrance) for convenient return of library materials.

This is an unstaffed Anoka County Library on the Go location. Contact the staff at the Rum River Library at (763) 576-4695 if you have any questions or need to report any problems while using the services at this location.

ACTIVE OLDER ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

Monthly activities for active older adults include; pot-lucks, book club, walking club, educational seminars and classes, bingo and fitness opportunities. Stop in for an AOA activity calendars or contact Jodi Blowers at the YMCA (763) 230-6552. You do not need to be a member of the YMCA to participate in many of these activities.



FALL PROGRAMS

INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER PROGRAM



Fall indoor youth soccer will be offered for boys and girls ages 4 - 9. This recreational program will focus on individual skill development and having fun. Teams will practice skills for the first 30 minutes then scrimmage against another team for the remaining 30 minutes of the program. This program is a great start for beginners and fun for those who have already played organized soccer. Fall session will be held Saturday mornings, October 8 – November 19 (6 weeks) \$69 per player. All players will receive a team t-shirt and award. Teams will be organized into age appropriate levels.

INTRODUCTION TO ICE LESSONS

A great program to introduce the sport of ice skating to students who have no skating experience and are between the ages of 3 – 6. Each class is 30 minutes in length and features age appropriate, off and on-ice activities including games and music. This program is 3 weeks long and the cost is \$30 per skater. Visit the ACC website for more information and upcoming program dates.

ICE SKATING LESSONS – ANDOVER SKATE SCHOOL

The Fall ice skating lesson program for youth ages 3 and older will be held October 1 – November 19 on Saturday mornings (7 weeks) \$85 per skater. Lessons include 30 minutes of instruction and 30 minutes of on-ice practice.

TOT-TIME OPEN GYM

Tot-Time Open Gym will be offered most Mondays & Tuesdays mornings October 2016 – April 2017. Kids, 6 and under will meet new friends and play in a non-structured, super fun indoor environment. There will be many items for children to play with and lots of room for them to run. No need to pre-register. Daily admission fees apply.



OPEN TO BUSINESS PROGRAM

Looking for a trusted advisor for your business? Maybe you've wanted to secure financing to start or expand your business? If so, a new program offered by Anoka County may be just what you're looking for.

Thanks to a partnership between Anoka County and the Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (MCCD), business owners or those looking to start a business can access a new program called Open to Business.

Free Technical Assistance

Open to Business will provide prospective and existing entrepreneurs in Andover with free one-on-one counseling with a business advisor. The program provides assistance in the following areas:

- Financial Management
- Business Plan Assistance
- Marketing Assistance
- Business Regulations
- Loan Packaging
- Real Estate Analysis
- Strategic Planning
- Professional Referrals

Small Business Loan Program

Open to Business advisors can also assist entrepreneurs to identify borrowing needs and accessing financing options. Advisors work with clients to help them find the financing that best meets their own unique needs. MCCD also provides direct financing and loans in partnership with banks and nonprofit lenders. Funds can be used for inventory, working capital, asset and equipment purchases, real estate acquisition and start-up costs.

How It Works

Business Advisor Kathleen DuChene is available for setting up a one-on-one meeting at either the Anoka County Government Center or other preferred location. Kathleen is also available at the Andover City Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information contact Kathleen at (763) 438-7315 or by email at kduchene@mccdmn.org. For general information, visit the Open to Business Website at www.opentobusinessmn.org.



WATER YOU WAITING FOR? TAKE A SURVEY AND WIN 1 OF 10 - \$50 VISA GIFT CARDS SURVEY LINK: [HTTP://Z.UMN.EDU/TCWATER](http://z.umn.edu/tcwater)

DON'T MISS THE ANDOVER FAMILY FUN FEST • BABY CRAWLING CONTEST SATURDAY, JULY 9TH

All babies must be pre-registered

As part of the Andover Family Fun Fest, a baby crawling contest will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Andover City Hall Garages, right by the Andover Water Tower. All crawling infants, 6-12 months, are eligible to participate.

Contest Criteria:

1. Baby must crawl to the finish line. Walkers will be disqualified.
2. In case of a tie, there will be a "crawl-off".
3. Absolutely no registration the day of the event!

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

To enter the contest, please complete this application and return to Shelly Hansen. Forms must be received by Friday, July 8th at 12:30 p.m.

Shelly Hansen
Attn: Baby Crawling Contest
13761 Zilla St. NW
Andover, MN 55304

BABY CRAWLING

CONTEST

REGISTRATION FORM



PLEASE PRINT

Name of Baby _____

Date of Birth _____ Age in months _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Phone _____

Parent's Signature _____

Andover Family Fun Fest baby crawl is sponsored by
Tutor Time in Andover!





ANDOVER'S 20th ANNUAL 5K FUN RUN/WALK SATURDAY, JULY 9th

WHEN: • 8:00 a.m. 5K Open
(Certified Course, 3.1 miles)
• 9:00 a.m. Kids Fun Run (.5 mile)
Rain or Shine! *The Kids run is free, no need to register, just show up.*

WHERE: At the Andover City Hall Complex located at 1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW - just west of Hanson Blvd. Take Hanson Blvd. north from Hwy. 10 in Coon Rapids. Turn left on Crosstown Blvd., Crosstown Blvd. is 1 1/2 miles north of Bunker Lake Blvd. (Co. Rd. 116).

REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE: 5K - \$20.00 (\$25.00 after July 7) Race day registration 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
Online: www.andovermn.gov thru July 6.
The kids run is free, no need to register, just show up.

PRIZES & AWARDS: The first 500 5k registrants are guaranteed a Moisture Wicking t-shirt on race day. Later registrants can pick up t-shirts the following week. All registered participants are entered for door prizes drawing. Must be present to win. Trophy to first man and woman to cross finish line and age group awards.

REFRESHMENTS: Refreshments at finish.

QUESTIONS: • Call Cindy at (763) 767-5114. • For Kids Fun Run call Kirk at (763) 230-6534.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Complete the registration form along with your check (payable to: Andover Family Fun Fest) and mail to:

**Andover Fun Run
City of Andover
1685 Crosstown Blvd. NW
Andover, MN 55304**

*** OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM ***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Age on race day: _____ Phone: _____ Sex: ☐ M ☐ F T-SHIRT SIZE (circle one): **S M L XL**

Knowingly and at my own risk I do hereby apply to enter an athletic contest. I hereby agree that I release and discharge the City of Andover, Andover Family Fun Fest Committee, and other parties associated with the Andover Family Fun Fest 5K Fun Run/Walk from all claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action from all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of such corporation, organization, clubs, their servants, agents or employees, and hereby assume all the risks associated with my participation in the event. Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my name, likeness and voice, as well as any photographs, videotape, motion pictures, recordings and any other record of this event in which I may appear for any legitimate purpose including broadcast of the event, the reuse in any media of this broadcast and in advertising and promotion.

SIGNATURE _____ CO-SIGNATURE _____

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ATTENTION DOG OWNERS!!!

Just a reminder that if you plan on visiting one of the City parks this summer with your pet, there is a Leash Ordinance that does apply. All domestic animals (dogs, cats and similar animals) must be kept leashed when visiting a City park as per City Code 8-4-1K.

Any questions feel free to contact Andover City Hall at (763) 755-5100.



RE/MAX Results Groundbreaking

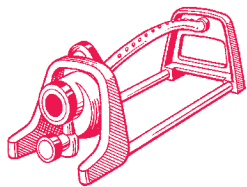
LIBRARY FOCUS: FREE SENIOR TECHNOLOGY HELP

Did you know Anoka County Library offers free help to seniors for learning technology, like computer and Internet basics, Microsoft software, eBooks, and more? For example, you might sign up for weekly "Senior Center Tech Time" sessions—or drop by our in-library "Tech Time"—to receive assistance with technology questions you have. For basic introduction to computers and the Internet, register for monthly "Senior Surf" classes at the library. You may also sign up for one-to-one technology assistance. These meetings, with our knowledgeable, patient volunteer, provide help with a range of tech issues and begin again in September.

The library also offers aid from volunteer tech docents at varied times, along with computer classes and drop-in eBook/eAudio help sessions. Librarians can assist you as well with technology and finding books and magazines to meet those needs. They can help you, too, to learn more about technology using library online resources, such as Learning Express Computer Skills Center, Lynda.com, and magazine articles through MasterFILE Premier and the Zinio eMagazine service. Access online resources in-library or, with your Anoka County Library card, from home via our website: anokacountylibrary.org. For added information, contact Rum River Library, 4201 6th Ave., Anoka, (763) 576-4695.

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The City has in place watering restrictions that will allow everyone to water their grass and shrubs and maintain an adequate water system. These restrictions start every year on May 1st and run through August 31st. The City allows watering or sprinkling of lawns at homes with even addresses on even days, and homes with addresses that have odd numbers on odd days, but only outside the total afternoon ban time. Vegetable gardens may be watered any day, outside the full afternoon ban time. Bushes and flowers may be watered with a handheld hose as needed. New sod is exempt for the first two weeks from day, but not hour, restrictions. The restricted hours are from noon to 6:00 p.m. every day. Stiff fines are assessed for violations. For more information about the restrictions, please checkout the City web site at www.andovermn.gov - Summer Water Restriction Information - City of Andover Code 10-1-13 Deficiency of Water or call City Hall at (763) 755-5100.



POLLINATOR PARTY AND GARDEN TOUR!

Andover Pollinator Awareness Project (APAP) to host 2 fun events in July

Are you interested in giving back to our natural resources? The APAP work group is hosting a Pollinator Party on Thursday, July 21st from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the YMCA Community Center and a Pollinator-friendly garden tour on Saturday, July 23rd from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. All the details for these events can be found on the City's website: www.andovermn.gov "Your Government" "Natural Resources" "Andover Pollinator Awareness Project".

POLLINATOR PARTY: This fun event will showcase exhibitors, displays, fun games for kids, experts to help you with pollinator-friendly landscaping, food and drink, etc.

GARDEN TOUR: Take a tour around the City and see various types of landscapes that are "pollinator-friendly" and are a great example of ways we can give back to our natural resources.

These events are just a couple examples of APAP's mission to improve our environment to benefit pollinators, such as bees and butterflies and all species of wildlife. For additional information about APAP and its activities, contact APAP Chairperson Cheryl Seeman at (763) 427-2470 or caseeman50@comcast.net or Andover Natural Resources Technician Kameron Kytönen at (763) 767-5137 or k.kytönen@andovermn.gov.



ANDOVER POLLINATOR AWARENESS PROJECT

RUM RIVER WATERSHED GETS CHECKUP; NEW MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Rum River runs from Lake Mille Lacs to Anoka. It is one of only seven State Scenic and Recreational Waterways and part of the State's water trails system. Soil and water conservation districts and watershed organizations recently joined with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to test the health of the river and the surrounding watershed. They are developing a new management plan for the river, streams and lakes.

The results of a recent water quality check-up was mixed with some areas being in good shape and others not so good. Within Anoka County, Rogers Lake (partially in Ramsey, Oak Grove and Nowthen) had excessive nutrients that cause algae blooms. Trott Brook (City of Ramsey) and Crooked Brook (City of East Bethel) had too little

oxygen for fish. High E.coli bacteria was found in Cedar Creek and Seelye Brook. Mahoney Brook (City of Oak Grove) had a fish community indicative of poor conditions. There are studies underway to gather more information on these impaired waterbodies to determine the amount of nutrient reductions needed and strategies.

The Rum River and other lakes and streams are in good shape. Still, researchers noted reason for continued vigilance. For example, the Rum River in Isanti and Anoka County is approaching state standards for nutrients and Lake George in Oak Grove has a declining water quality trend, which is being further investigated.

The findings of these studies are being compiled into a new management plan for

the watershed, set to be finalized in late 2016. The Lower Rum River Watershed Management Organization (LRRWMO; www.LRRWMO.org), a joint powers board formed by the Cities of Ramsey, Anoka and Andover, is representing local points of view in the development of these plans. They will also be a key player in putting the management plan into action.

The public is invited to participate in the discussion about managing these waterbodies. Throughout summer and fall 2016 draft management plans will be posted to www.AnokaSWCD.org. Residents may also contact Jamie Schurbon, Water Resource Specialist at (763) 434-2030 ext. 12 or jamie.schurbon@anokaswcd.org or their representative on the LRRWMO.

ANDOVER WINS NATIONAL CONSERVATION CONTEST

Andover residents procured a win in a national contest! With over 4,100 cities in 39 states participating, the percentage of our residents who took the simple on-line pledge to reduce water and save resources, put Andover in first place for cities with population between 30,000 and 99,000. Names will be drawn from amongst those who took the water pledge for prizes valued at over \$50,000, including a Prius, donated by corporate sponsor, Toyota.

Andover High School students, Aisha Sow and Kina Msuya, met with Mayor Julie Trude early this year to request Andover enroll in the month-long National Mayor's Water Challenge held during April each year. Each worked on promoting the contest. The students chose the water contest as a community impact project for the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy with the goal of informing students and residents about water conservation to encourage a more sustainable future.

A plaque was awarded to Andover as a Winning City by the Wyland Foundation, a conservation focused non-profit. The Andover Council recognized the students for their role and awarded them plaques from the City acknowledging their successful project.

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Residents pledged to reduce water consumption by over 24 million gallons, in the community and in the nation through adoption of more environmentally-friendly practices, as water is used in production of food, energy, consumer products and more.





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NIGHT TO UNITE IMPROVES NEIGHBORHOODS

Night to Unite (N2U) is happening on Tuesday, August 2nd, and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office encourages neighbors to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights, and spend the evening talking about what is happening in their neighborhood. The night is intended to be a fun, casual event that brings people together.

N2U is designed to promote participation in the Neighborhood Crime Watch program, which plays an integral part in crime detection and prevention. Neighborhood Crime Watch (NCW) is a cooperative effort between the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and individual neighborhoods to become organized. Once a NCW group is established, signs are placed in all active neighborhoods and serve as a warning to potential criminals that residents are concerned about crime and will immediately call 911.

When you become a NCW member, you will have a close relationship with our

office and gain access to accurate and timely information about crime in the area. You are kept updated on current trends, prevention tips, incident reports, and arrests in a weekly email from our Crime Prevention Unit. This information enhances your ability to make changes that reduce the risks and opportunities for criminal acts; ultimately making you less likely to be a victim of crime.

Education is also a very important component as a NCW member. You will be more alert to what is occurring in your neighborhood and report suspicious persons and activity. Reporting suspicious activity is extremely important, and we will teach you how to do it more effectively. Immediately reporting suspicious activity to 911, directly correlates to law enforcement's ability to apprehend criminals. A delay in reporting a crime, even by a couple of minutes, greatly reduces our effectiveness.

National statistics indicate that when

neighbors are committed to NCW programs, the quality of life in their neighborhoods improves. "Opportunity" provides the impetus for crime to occur. When neighbors organize their efforts to be vigilant of each other and their property, it greatly reduces the "opportunity."

If you would like to host a Night to Unite party or are interested in starting a Neighborhood Crime Watch group, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (763) 767-4664 or crime.prevention@co.anoka.mn.us. For more information on Crime Prevention check out our website at www.anokacounty.us/crimewatch.

